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Once there was a mermaid named Ariel. The youngest daughter of King Triton, she lived with her six sisters in an underwater palace.

But while they were content in the confines of their world, Ariel was not. She was fascinated by the world outside of the ocean.

She wanted to learn all about it and the beings that lived there. She was curious about its differences, and that in turn made her different.

But if there was one rule in her father's ocean kingdom, it was never to stray out of the water.

Chapter One

I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER BEEN DOWN THIS FAR BEFORE!

ISN'T IT EXCITING, FLOUNDER? HURRY UP!

WAIT FOR ME! I'M SCARED-- NO ONE KNOWS WE'RE HERE.

Look at all of these incredible sights! I bet we'll find something amazing today.

Every time I explore, I try to push myself to go even further!

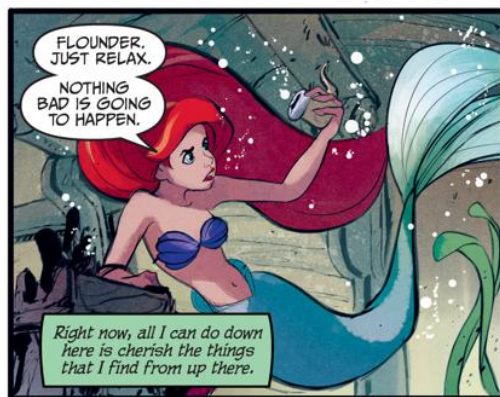
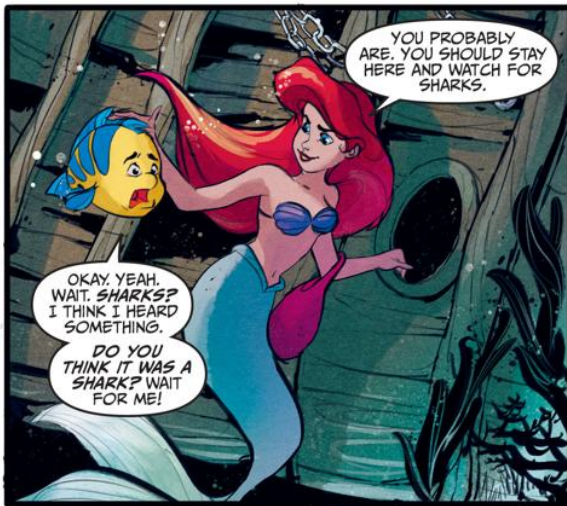
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OH! FLOUNDER... LOOK AT HOW WELL PRESERVED IT IS.

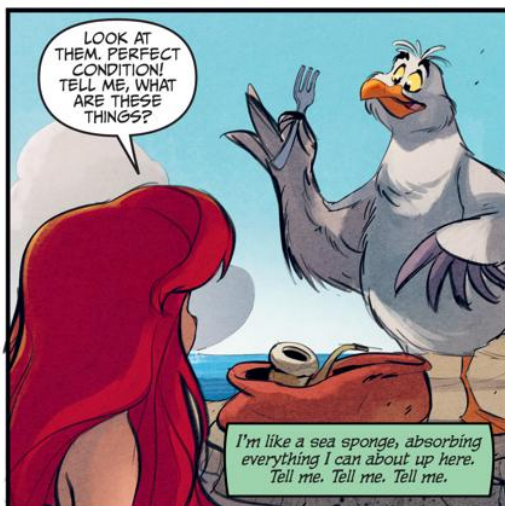
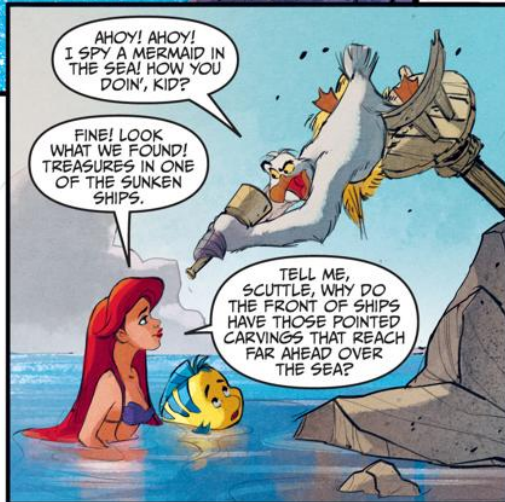
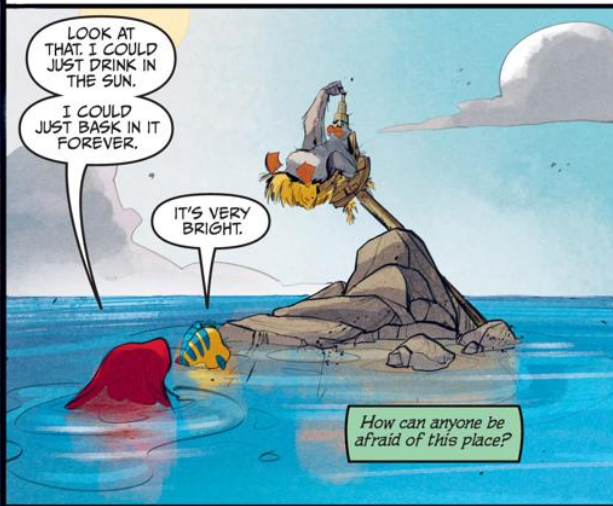
WE SHOULD PROBABLY TURN BACK NOW.

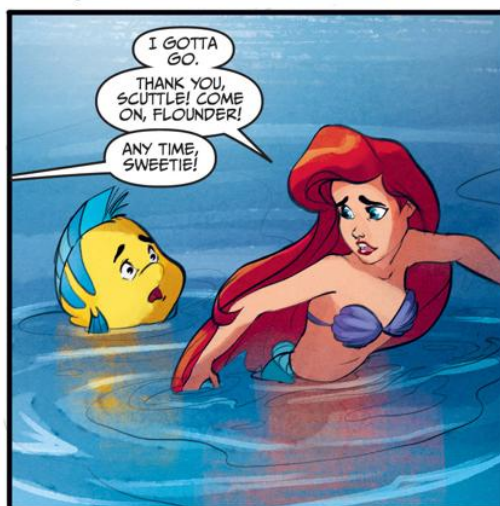
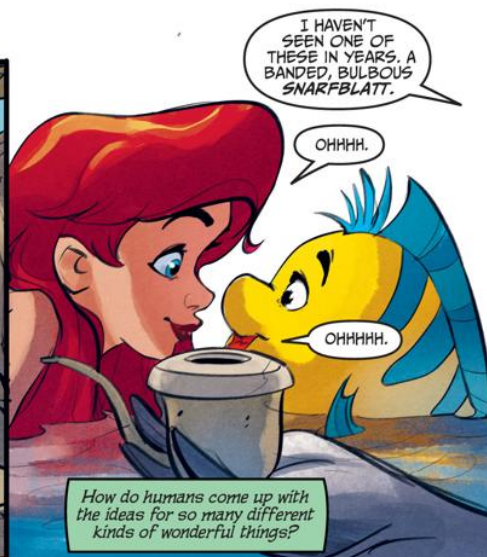
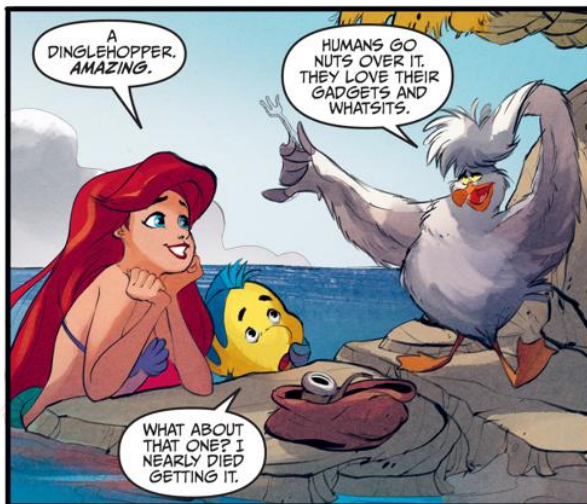
I THINK I MIGHT BE COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING.

I HAVE THIS COUGH.

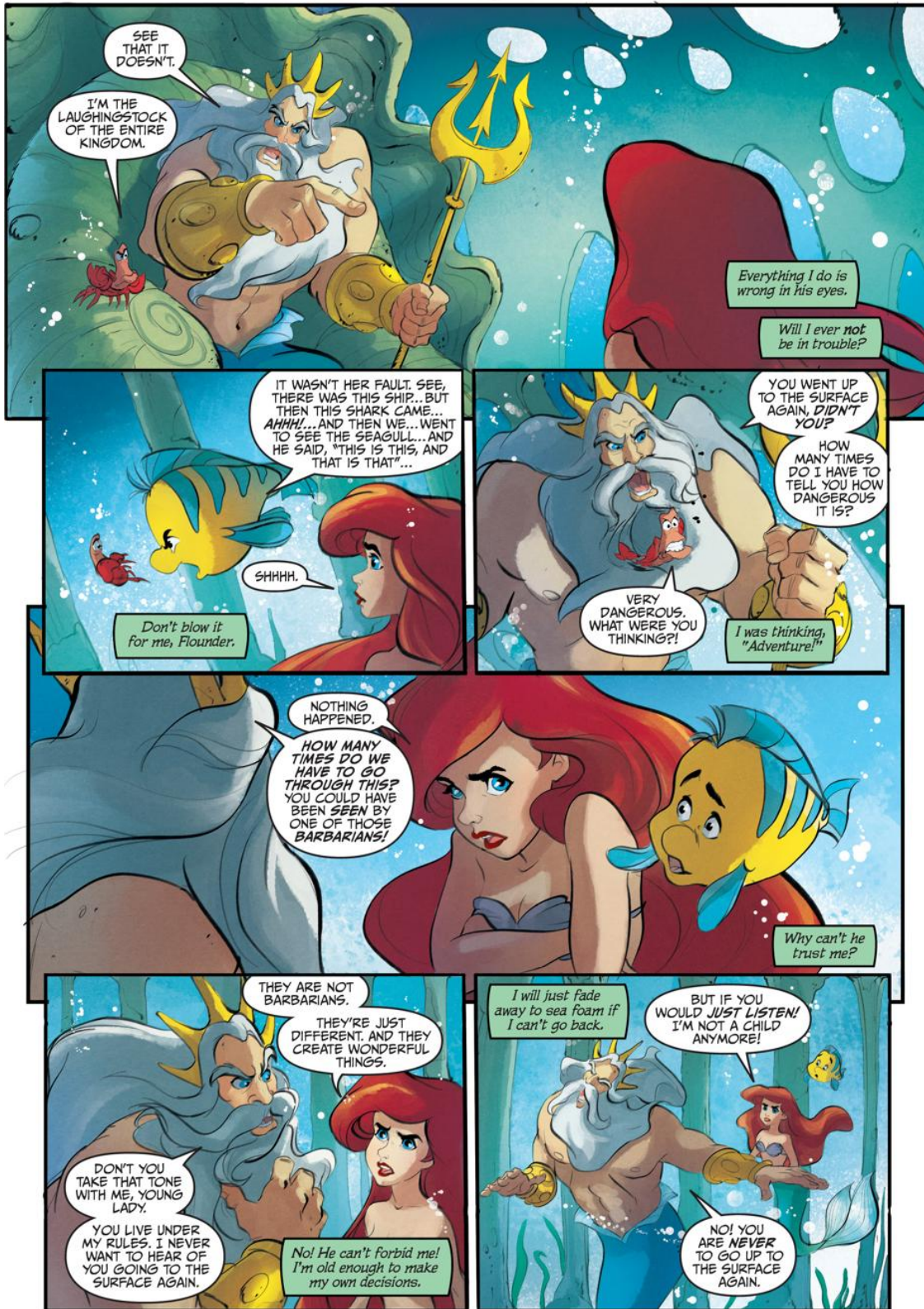












SEE THAT IT DOESN'T.

I'M THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE ENTIRE KINGDOM.

Everything I do is wrong in his eyes.

Will I ever not be in trouble?

IT WASN'T HER FAULT. SEE, THERE WAS THIS SHIP...BUT THEN THIS SHARK CAME...
AHHH!...AND THEN WE...WENT TO SEE THE SEAGULL...AND HE SAID, "THIS IS THIS, AND THAT IS THAT"...

SHHHH.

Don't blow it for me, Flounder.

YOU WENT UP TO THE SURFACE AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW DANGEROUS IT IS?

VERY DANGEROUS. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!

I was thinking, "Adventure!"

NOTHING HAPPENED.

HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS? YOU COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN BY ONE OF THOSE BARBARIANS!

Why can't he trust me?

THEY ARE NOT BARBARIANS.

THEY'RE JUST DIFFERENT. AND THEY CREATE WONDERFUL THINGS.

DON'T YOU TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME, YOUNG LADY.

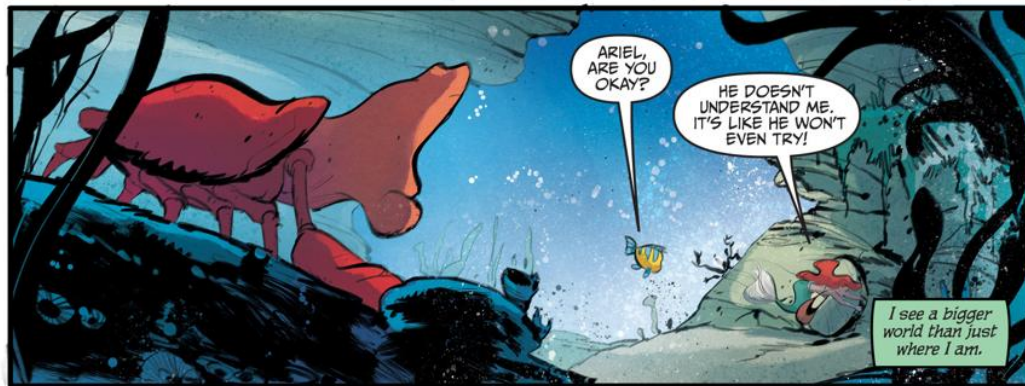
YOU LIVE UNDER MY RULES. I NEVER WANT TO HEAR OF YOU GOING TO THE SURFACE AGAIN.

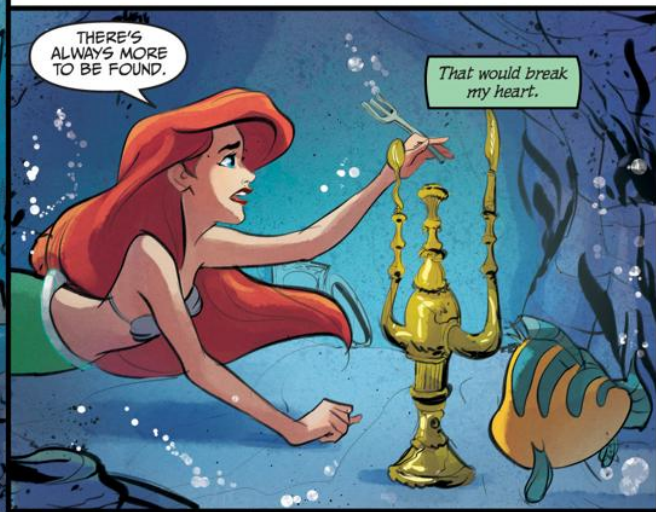
No! He can't forbid me! I'm old enough to make my own decisions.

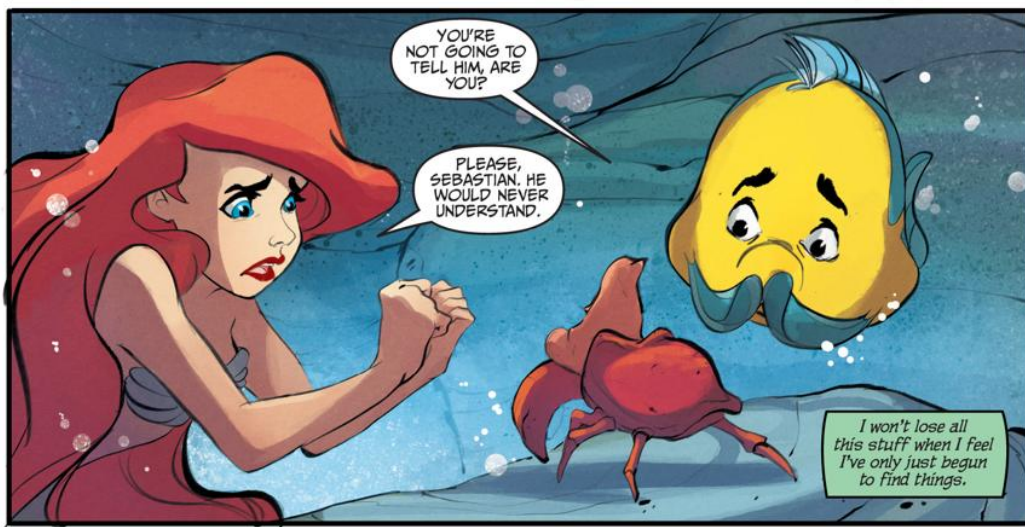
I will just fade away to sea foam if I can't go back.

BUT IF YOU WOULD JUST LISTEN! I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE!

NO! YOU ARE NEVER TO GO UP TO THE SURFACE AGAIN.













The way he acts with others. I feel like I've known him my whole life.

HE'S VERY HANDSOME, ISN'T HE? AND SO KIND TO OTHERS. AND HE PLAYS MUSIC!

HE'S VERY HAIRY.

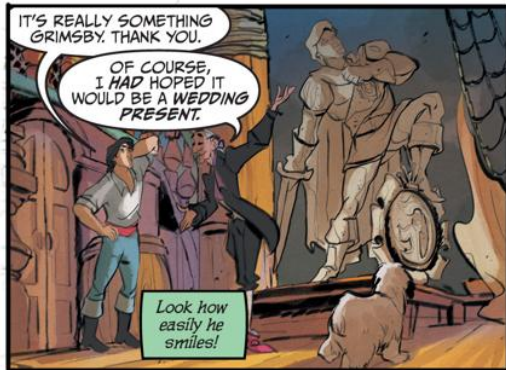


NOT THAT ONE. THE ONE PLAYING THE SNARFBLATT.

OH.

SILENCE! SILENCE, PLEASE. IT IS NOW MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO WISH PRINCE ERIC A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

He's human and I'm a mermaid. We're worlds apart. But I want to meet him.



IT'S REALLY SOMETHING GRIMSBY. THANK YOU.

OF COURSE, I HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE A WEDDING PRESENT.

Look how easily he smiles!



YOU'RE NOT MAD THAT I DIDN'T FALL FOR THE PRINCESS OF GLOWERHAVEN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER PRINCESSES THAT I'VE BEEN MEETING LATELY, ARE YOU?

THE ENTIRE KINGDOM WANTS TO SEE YOU SETTLED DOWN WITH THE RIGHT GIRL.

He's holding some of himself back. I do that, too.



WELL, SHE'S OUT THERE SOMEWHERE. I JUST HAVEN'T FOUND HER YET.

With my family, I can't quite show my whole true self.







What is he doing?



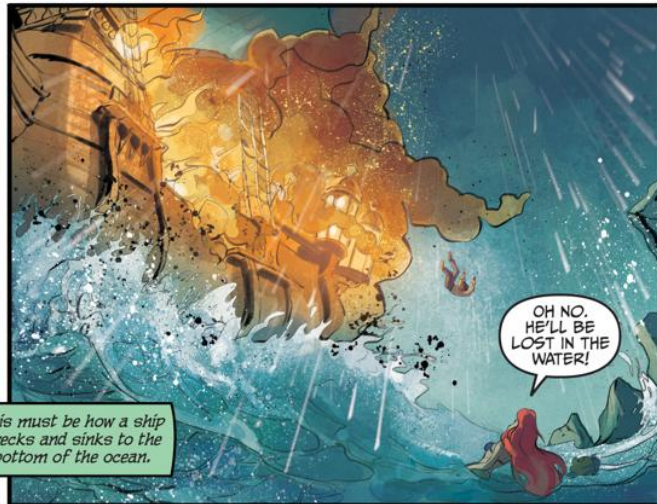
JUMP, MAX.
JUMP! YOU CAN
DO IT!

WOOF
WOOF



WOOF!!!

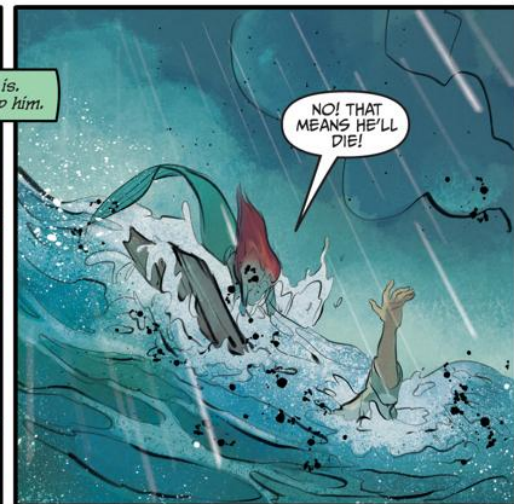
This must be how a ship
wrecks and sinks to the
bottom of the ocean.



OH NO.
HE'LL BE
LOST IN THE
WATER!



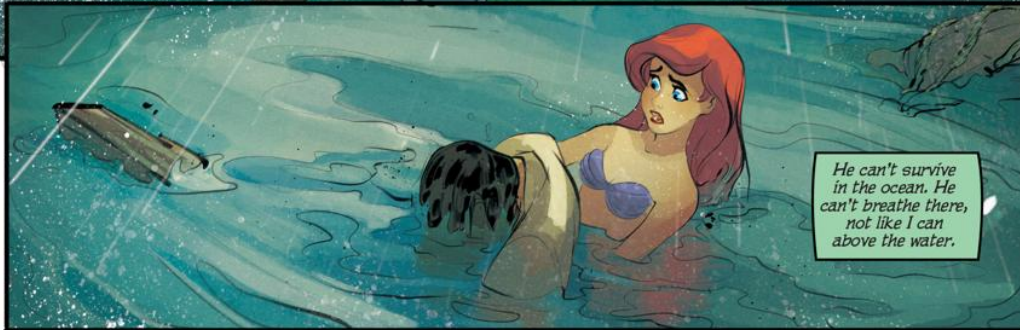
There he is.
I have to help him.



NO! THAT
MEANS HE'LL
DIE!



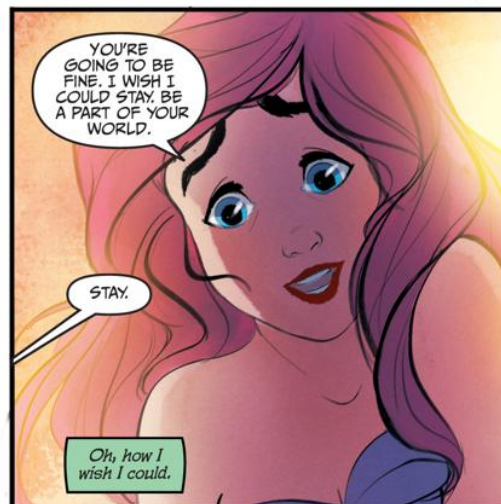
*Storms are so
different above
and below the sea.*



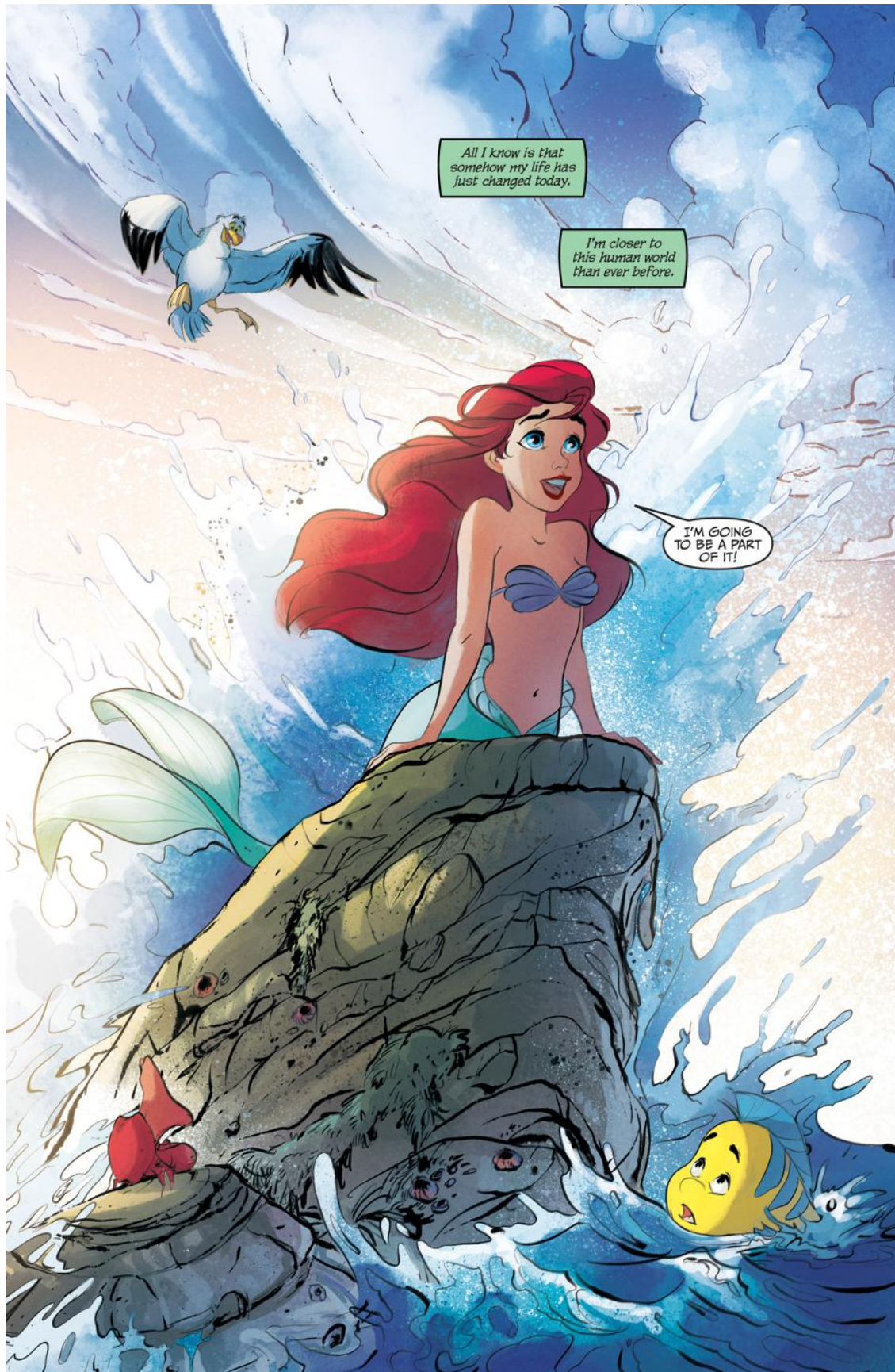
*He can't survive
in the ocean. He
can't breathe there,
not like I can
above the water.*



*Songs are always there for you.
When you're happy or sad.
Or scared and worried, as I am now.*



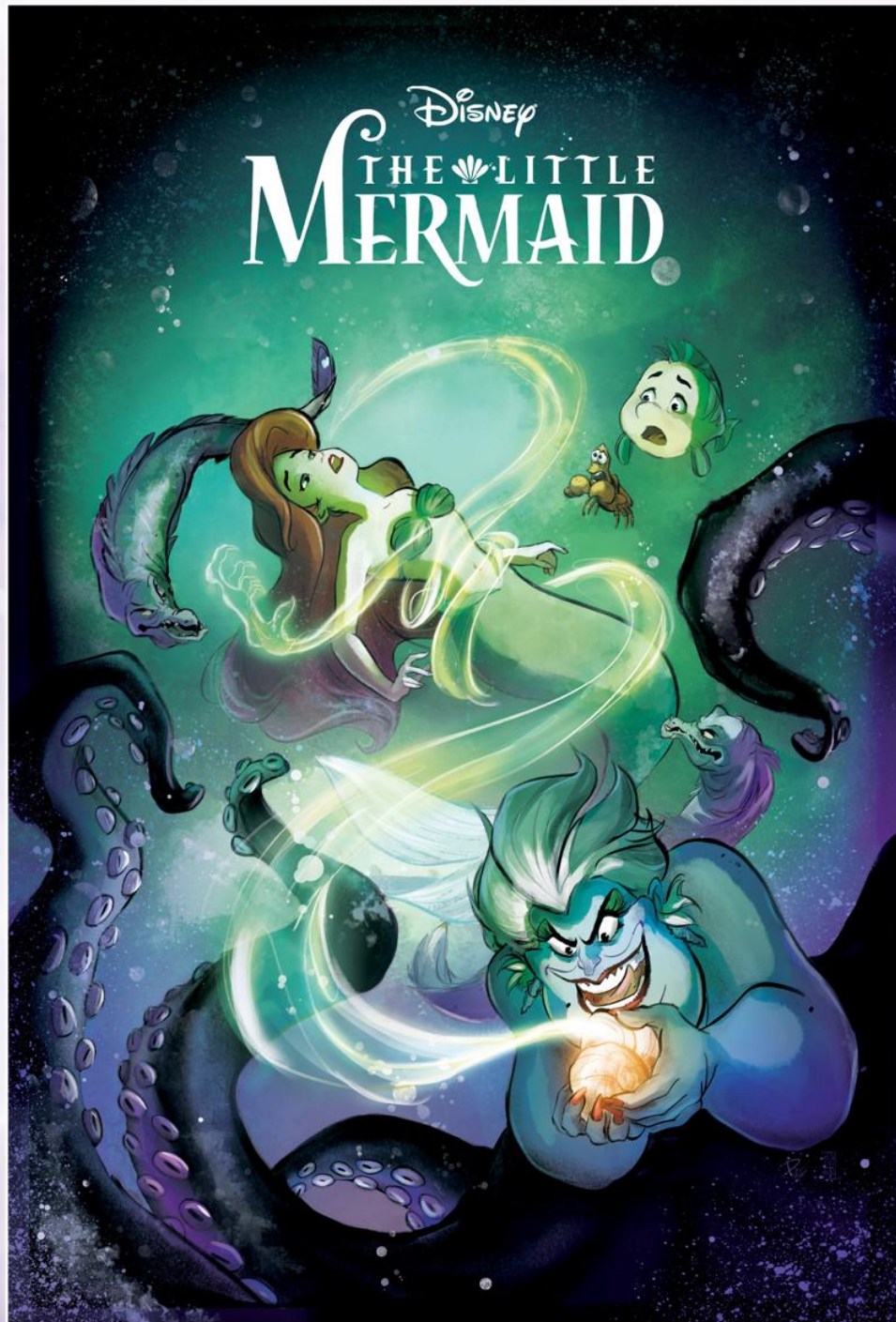




All I know is that
somehow my life has
just changed today.

I'm closer to
this human world
than ever before.

I'M GOING
TO BE A PART
OF IT!



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